

Welcome to St. Mary's

the Parish Church of Shortlands

Sunday 1 June 2025



The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Services today

10.30am **Holy Communion**
Celebrant - Rev Dave Edmondson
Preacher – Catherine Bingham
Reading - Suzie Evans
Intercessions - Susie Shelton

This week

Tue 3 June 10.00am - 12 noon - Craft and Chatter
Wed 4 June 10.00am - Morning Prayer in the Chapel
10.30am - 12.30pm - Community Café
Thurs 5 June 9.30am & 12.30pm - Baby and Toddler sessions
7.00pm - Junior choir practice
7.30pm - Adult choir practice
Sun 8 June The Pentecost
10.30am - Holy Communion
Celebrant and preacher - Rev Dave Edmondson

Banns of Marriage

Today is the first reading of the banns of marriage
for Alexandra-Elena Bucur and David White

Today is the third reading of the banns of marriage
for Michael Heslop and Jodi - Ann Ricketts



Junior Church

To which children of all ages are
very welcome, will take place in the
hall during the morning services.

June: 8th, 15th, 29th

July: 6th, 13th, 20th

June 8th, July 13th

Tea Time Together - For families with
children up to Yr 5 from 4.00pm

Youth Club – For Years 6 -13
from 6.00pm

Readings

Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

First reading: Acts 16:16 - 34

¹⁶ One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Gospel reading: John 17: 20-26

²⁰ "I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them."

Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns

490	Jesus shall reign
163	All hail the power of Jesus' name
172	The head that once was crowned with thorns
Comm:376	And can it be
Anthem	Teach me O Lord - Attwood
166	Crown him with many crowns

Deanery Worship Service - 4th June 7.30pm - Christ Church, Beckenham

A really exciting chance to worship together with other Anglican churches across the deanery. There will be three of these across a year and one in the new year will be held here. They will be followed by refreshments.

Our Mission of the Month for June is Welcare

There is a display at the back of the church. Each Mission for the Month receives equal donations from the church & donations from individuals. You are all warmly invited to come to The ROCK CHOIR CONCERT in aid of WELCARE on
Saturday 21st JUNE 2025, 8pm-9.30pm at St Paul's Church,
Brackley Rd, Beckenham BR3 1RB. Tickets are £10p/p & can be purchased from welfare.org/rockchoir, or pay at the door or use the QR code on the poster at the back of church. Tel 020 7820 7910 / info@welcare.org

Please remember in your prayers this week...

The Church....

The parishes of Cray Valley, Crofton, Cudham, Farnborough, Keston and Orpington.

The Community...

For the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

The World ...

For those to be baptised, confirmed and married this year.

The Sick ...

For those who are recently unwell including Graham Smedley and Bob Norfolk-Thompson. We continue to pray for Rebecca Gowing, Sally Aldred and Angela Ash, and for those who seek our support by bringing these prayers to our church.

The Departed ...

For those who have recently died, including Helen Crowe, and those who mourn their loss. We remember those whose anniversaries we keep this week: Sheila Douglas, Grace Waring, Alf Parry, Marian Parr & Elsie Hovey.

NOTICES

- **Vicarage bring and share picnic on 1st June, 6th July & 31st August** after 10.30 service. You are invited to bring and share picnics over the summer at the vicarage as a way to get to know the Edmondsons. Bring some food for yourself and some to share. If you have a picnic chair or a blanket feel free to bring it along! Sign up sheets on the notice board.
- **Guild of Church Flower Arrangers - 2nd June at 7:30pm – £ 5p/p**
A demonstration by Helen Hare at St Augustine's Church Southborough Lane Bromley BR2 8A. If you love flowers, & would like to broaden your knowledge, do join them <https://guildofchurchflowersbromley.weebly.com>
- **St Mary's Pre-school** needs a volunteer Treasurer from August/September 2025. Details on the notice board or contact Penny Horsman (pennyhorsman19@gmail.com) Deadline for CVs June 16th.

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